



# Longport Town Topics

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## April springs up events in Longport

### Get ready to scramble for eggs

Rain or shine, local children will be scooping up rainbow-colored eggs scattered throughout the back baypark at the Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The event is scheduled to be held at noon on April 10th behind Borough Hall at 2305 Atlantic Avenue (if it rains, inside the Centennial Ballroom of Borough Hall).

All Longport children under the age of 12 are invited to attend the fun event. There will be plenty of fun things to do including: face-painters, balloons, and the Easter Bunny. There will be pizza and Easter baskets for all that attend. Those interested in participating may call 823-2731 ext. 119 to RSVP.



Last year's event was fun for all.

### Dedication of new park at 36th Ave. and the bay



**Saturday, April 17th at noon** - The Borough is scheduled to dedicate the new park at 36th Avenue and the bay. A special thanks to Grace and Ed McGowan for donating the flag pole that once stood at Manor and Atlantic avenues. A special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mendels for donating the gazebo that was at 24th Avenue. The Borough expresses much appreciation to the Public Works Department for their exceptional hard work and to the Longport Garden Club for its selection of plantings and design.

### Grand opening of New Community Clubhouse and Beach Patrol Headquarters, April 25th

**Sunday, April 25th at 1 p.m.** - The Borough is scheduled to hold a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house at the New Community Clubhouse and Beach Patrol Headquarters at 33rd and Atlantic avenues. EVERYONE is invited to attend the festivities. Hot dogs and soda will be served immediately following the event.

The new Community Clubhouse and Beach Patrol Headquarters is nearing completion for the summer.



# Local residents, thank you for "Making Longport Proud"

**The American Legion Post 469 John A. Kuzmann Memorial** for its donation of toys to Iraqi children sent through the 404th Civil Affairs Battalion (Safety Operations). The toys were given to children in orphanages and destitute areas in the mountains of Northern Iraq, as stated in a letter to the legion. In addition, the 404th Battalion noted that the gifts helped to "foster a new relationship of peace and understanding with the people of Iraq. Your generosity and kindness are a credit to the citizens of this great country we proudly defend." A certificate of appreciation from the 404th Battalion was presented to the legion for its donation.

**Dana DiPentino** for her second place win on her essay about the Holocaust presented to her by Atlantic Cape Community College. "You make Longport proud."

**"Congratulazioni!"** To our own **Joe Marcasiano** who was inducted for the second time as president of The Sons of Italy - "Vicin' Al Mare" (By the Sea) Lodge #2601. Among the crowd enjoying the ceremonies at the Flying Cloud was Anna Mae and Jack Yust, Diane Grimley, Carol Rockford, Lee Karlock, the Mayor and Mrs. Mike Cohen and, of course, Dottie Marcasiano (all of Longport).

A special award to a special Longport lady. Longport's **Peggy Bessey** was the recipient of the "Thirteenth Annual Recognition Professionals Award." Peggy is the Atlantic City and Atlantic County Board of Realtors: United Way's "Volunteer of the Year."

## Church of the Epiphany seeks photos and stories of past 50 years

The Longport Roman Catholic Church of the Epiphany and the Epiphany Parish will be celebrating the church's 50th Anniversary of its founding in September 2004.

A committee has been formed to help celebrate this momentous occasion. The committee would appreciate if anyone has any memorabilia from the past concerning the church, photographs, programs, etc. Please contact the committee and the information will be copied and returned to you.

Please contact Ann Eldred at 822-5017 or Julie Hill at 822-7560 for more information.

- submitted by Mrs. Marge Woolston



Over the years, thousands of children have had their photo taken on the Longport rocks. This recent photo shows Aspen Lawler adding to the Longport tradition.

## Local elections April 20th and May 11th

The Longport Board of Education is holding an election to fill one seat on April 20th from 5 to 9 p.m. in Borough Hall. Incumbent Linda Bakaj is running unopposed and the school budget will also be up for approval.

On May 11th residents will be able to vote for three commission seats to be filled in the Borough of Longport.

Incumbents Michael Cohen and Bill Fiore are seeking re-election as a team. Incumbent John Murphy is not seeking re-election.

George Baumgardner, Mary Garvin and John Stroebele are seeking election as a team.

Joe Martin, James Callista and Joseph Parisi are also running for election, each on separate tickets.

Voting polls are scheduled to be open from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m. on election day May 11th at Longport Borough Hall at 2305 Atlantic Avenue. For more information please contact the Borough Clerk's Office by dialing 823-2731 ext. 100.

## Official Longport Website coming soon

Longport's Official Website is scheduled to be posted on the Internet in the near future.

The new site contains much information, including various applications for the building and zoning departments, the planning board, a request form for access to public information and a calendar of events.

The site is a work in progress and we hope it will continue to improve and become a useful and efficient tool for all. As soon as the new address has been provided to the Borough it will be posted on Channel 2.

# Lucky day for senior participants at St. Patrick's luncheon

Little surprises could be found everywhere at the St. Patrick's Day luncheon on March 17th. Although, leprechauns were not responsible for this treat. Special thanks to our luncheon sponsor Nancy Philips Gilmore, Inc. The real estate agency surprised attendees with lovely green carnations as they walked into the festive room. It is one of the more popular luncheons, and the happy crowd that attended is proof. Dr. Bridget McLaughlin also donated candy Irish potatoes for all.

Our final luncheon is April 14th, please don't forget to RSVP by calling 823-2731 ext. 119.





# Get ready for summer

Summer is fast approaching and along with the warm weather comes several family fun events. The first event begins July 4th with the police and fire departments open house, followed by the All American Mile and topped off with an American Concert behind Borough Hall.

The annual Town Party follows later in the month with food, music, balloons, face-painting, pretzels, sno-cones, pony rides and cotton candy.

The next day the Historical Society sponsors its Treasure Day under the big tents where participants can find all types of items for sale. Some vendors will showcase antiques, others crafts and collectibles.

Later in the summer, a three-day art exhibit will take place that will showcase mostly local artists.

The end of summer will be sent off with a bang thanks to a fireworks display sponsored by the Historical Society.

## Stranger safety for all



**The Longport Police Department held a program to educate children and parents alike on stranger safety March 6th. Due to the success of the event, a second program is scheduled to be held in July.**

## Helping to make our beaches a welcome place for all of our residents and visitors

The 2004 summer season, for the first time ever, the borough will have handicap accessibility to the beach at both 16th and 33rd avenues.

There will also be handicap accessible restroom facilities at the new Community Clubhouse/ Beach Patrol Headquarters located at 33rd and Atlantic Avenues.

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